



H.Res. 709 – Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum on October 9, 2007, and for other purposes

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 709 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ralph Hall (R-TX) on October 3, 2007. The bill was sent to the House Committee Education and Labor but was never considered.

H.Res. 709 is expected to be considered on the House floor on November 13, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 709 recognizes and honors the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum on October 9, 2007, as well as completion of phase one of the museum restoration program, and also recognizes the many supporters and contributors whose efforts have helped maintain and improve the Library and Museum.

BACKGROUND

Samuel Taliaferro Rayburn, affectionately known as “Mr. Sam”, held the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives for a record seventeen and a half years.

In 1906 Rayburn won a seat in the Texas House of Representatives; he attended the University of Texas law school between legislative sessions and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1908. In 1912 he was elected to the United States Congress as a Democrat from the Fourth Texas District. In 1940 he was elected Speaker of the House. He served twenty-four consecutive terms as United States Representative, for nine of which he was Speaker of the House.

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